



**U-M PRANK:** John R. Hamilton, University of Michigan publications editor, rolls a giant dice. The cube he pushes is a black four-sided revolving sculpture on the U-M's Ann Arbor campus which was transformed into a dice by pranksters. They attached cardboard pizza carton discs to the sculpture to turn it into a dice. The University's new Administration Building is in background. New York sculptor Bernard Rosenthal designed and made the cube which was installed last December as a gift from the U-M Class of 1965 and Rosenthal. (AP Wirephoto).

## Harvard Students Vote For Three-Day Strike

### Protest Police Violence

by Associated Press

About 1,200 of Harvard University students have voted to strike for three days at the 15,000 student Ivy League school to protest police tactics in ending campus sit-in. Some professors canceled today's classes.

Sit-ins and strikes beset other campuses around the country.

The Harvard strike vote came Thursday in Memorial church after some 400 helmeted policemen swarmed onto the campus earlier in the day to break up the sit-in, leaving 39 students injured and 197 arrested.

#### CONDEMN POLICE

The students debated for several hours before fixing the strike "to thoroughly condemn the bringing of police onto this campus, and the excessive use of violence while they were here."

About 150 students ran out of the meeting and raced through the Harvard Yard, shouting "Smash ROTC, no expansion" and "On Strike. Shut it down. Join us."

The sit-in on the Cambridge, Mass., campus had begun Wednesday to protest the Reserve Officers Training Corps.



DR. NATHAN PUSEY  
Harvard presy calls cops

program and plans — denied by Harvard officials — to expand the medical school and displace local Negro residents. The sit-in was organized by Students for a Democratic Society.

Seven policemen and three

nonstudents were also hurt in Thursday's melee.

In Stanford, Calif., about 600

students voted Thursday night to remain inside Stanford University's Applied Electronics Laboratory, where they had moved in Wednesday.

The students, who were protesting classified scientific re-

search done for the armed forces in the lab, ignored a warning from school president Kenneth S. Pitzer that they were "violating university policies."

Also unheeded was a plea by the student body pres-

ident to end the sit-in.

#### LAB CLOSED

No violence was reported. The lab was shut Thursday, with few of its 150 employees showing up for work.

At Dartmouth, Mass., normal classroom activity ceased at Southeastern Massachusetts Technological Institute as students struck to protest the dismissal or demotion of six teachers "for lack of appropriate restraint in extra-

curricular activities."

Students at the Newark, N.J., branch of Rutgers University continued a week-old strike

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 3)

## U.S. May Set Limit For DDT

### Could Cut Sales Of Coho Salmon

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government was reported Thursday considering setting for the first time DDT tolerance levels for fish as a result of the recent discovery of dangerous levels of the pesticide in Coho Salmon in Lake Michigan.

It could have a major effect on barring from interstate commerce the salmon, which are being marketed for the first time after being introduced to the lake in recent years, and could affect the sport fishing in Lake Michigan, an official of the Health Education and Welfare Department said.

#### LOADED WITH DDT

The government last month seized 21,000 pounds of Coho salmon in the lake with DDT residue concentrations up to 19 parts per million.

Under consideration now is a tolerance level of 3.5 parts per million, but this may not be the figure imposed, said the official of the new Consumers Protection and Environmental Services.

But he said the figure was used at a discussion Thursday between officials of Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois, some Congressmen from the area and officials of the Agriculture, Interior and Welfare Departments.

Mike Kohn, public affairs assistant for Secretary of Welfare Robert H. Finch gathered the views for Finch, who must make the final decision on a safe level based on recommendations of the Food and Drug Administration.

The spokesman explained that 3.5 might be an "interim" tolerance level while a commission of the National Research Council studies the problem and recommends to the Food and Drug Administration a permanent safety level.

#### NEVER A PROBLEM

Fish has never had a level, the spokesman said, because DDT hadn't previously seemed a problem. In red beef and pork, the level is 7 parts per million, the spokesman said, and it varies for vegetables and for milk.

Sweden recently banned use of DDT because of concern about its danger to food and the spokesman said several American states are considering doing the same.

### Republicans Rap Kennedy

NOME, Alaska (AP) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy pressed on with his tour of Alaskan villages today minus the Republican members of his subcommittee, who left the group in a dispute over the purpose of the trip.

The Republicans split off Thursday, contending the tour was being stage managed with an eye to getting publicity.

SAIGON (AP) — Unleashing

the heaviest shelling of South

Vietnamese towns and allied

bases in three weeks, the Viet

Cong appeared today to have

opened a new and more violent

phase of its seven week old

spring offensive.

Rockets and mortars hit more

than 45 towns and bases during

the night. The heaviest attacks

were made on provincial capitals

on opposite sides of Saigon, Tay Ninh to the northwest and

Vinh Long to the southwest.

At least 21 persons were

wounded in the 33 and the heaviest since the activity this weekend and said

the heaviest shelling of South

Vietnam since the heaviest

shelling in the 33 and the heaviest

## THE HERALD-PRESS

### Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

## New Faces And Tougher Problems At City Hall

Next Monday a "new look" city commission takes over St. Joseph's municipal affairs.

Only one of its five members, Mayor Ehrenberg, has a personal link with the manner in which business has been done in the past.

Tuesday's election brought in two newcomers, Warren Gast and Atty. Richard Globensky.

The other two men, Franklin Smith and Toby Tobias, are in their third and sixth years respectively on the council.

The professional politician would rank the lineup as a freshman team and the older citizen might feel his governing body may be a bit on the go go side.

On the other hand, it is the new broom that sweeps clean and we are hopeful that the new commission will take a searching, realistic look into the prospects facing the city.

Before starting this comment, we called on the Rev. George Fisk, of the Congregational church, to sharpen our vague memory of the Old Testament situation which parallels that of St. Joseph today.

Following is a paraphrase of what he told us about the prophet, Jeremiah.

Jeremiah was an exponent of doom and gloom. He called repeatedly upon his people and their rulers to shape up lest their profligate ways soften them up for a takeover by an outsider. Nobody paid him any heed. Eventually the Babylonians overran Israel and clapped most of its inhabitants into slavery. A few generations later the Persians conquered Babylon and Cyrus, the first in a distinguished line of Persian monarchial militarists, returned the captives and their descendants to Jerusalem. The city, though, never regained the glory that was Solomon's and David's and Israel remained a geographical term until shortly after World War II.

It may be that Jeremiah failed to impress his audience because he cried wolf too frequently.

It may also be the case that his audience found his message unpalatable and decided that by turning down its hearing aid the problems forecasted by Jeremiah would disappear.

The ancient Hebrews were not the only people to fall into that temporarily comfortable trap. History is replete with civilizations which went to pieces because their peoples preferred not to face unpleasant realities.

St. Joseph is not about to go the way of olden Jerusalem or ancient Rome, but it is disturbing to know that all but a handful of its citizens regard their city hall in the exuberant optimism of Robert Browning when he penned that line, "God's in His Heaven and all's right with the world."

Financially, at least, the city government is getting to the end of its rope.

We have to admit we have been saying this off and on for at least five years and that Manager Hill's budget legerdemain has defied our Jeremiad.

Rising valuations and state aid receipts greater than Hill's underestimating in his budgets have deflated our argument; and if this rabbit can continue to be pulled from the hat every year, who can quarrel with the result?

We are, however, firm believers in the fact that even the camel must be watered and pastured every so often, and if his tummy is not replenished, his hump can not propel him forever.

The city is now at its charter limit in taxing for general pur-

poses. The tax base is no longer accelerating at the pace it has gone recently. And expense, basically wages, is growing feverish.

The convenient pathway through those shoals is a city income tax.

Manager Hill has been touting this proposal for the past several years.

The idea has not caught on fire and if the Tuesday countdown against it at Niles is any signal at all, its suggestion here at this time would be a suicide mission for whomever put it forth.

One alternative is to hold a line of sorts against expense.

No one can look for it to go down.

Rather the best that can be expected is to hold the increase within a livable limitation.

Or stated in another way, don't give away the city hall as was done this winter in settling the pay dispute with the firemen.

There is some leeway, legally and financially, in funneling some of the water department's earnings into the general fund. This is a matter of easing some thousands of dollars into a \$1.5 million budget rather than min-

ing a new gold lode such as.

★ ★ ★  
A third avenue, one we have advocated consistently, is to amend the charter's taxing provisions.

This 1928 municipal constitution compartments the local property tax for specified purposes. Debt service, general operations, the band, the library and trash collection each have varying millages earmarked to them.

Legally, these millages can not be shuffled around to meet a total money requirement.

The general operating millage, for example, is stretched to its limit. Yet the millage allocations for the band and trash collection which at their maximum rates would yield more revenue than those functions require, can not be applied to ease the strain on the general fund.

There may have been a reason 40 years ago when the charter was put together for this pigeon-hole financing.

If there was, it has disappeared in face of 1969's uncomfortable position.

The city is called upon to do a big job with a set of odd sized tools and for the most part, undersized ones.

For all the criticism thrown against it, the property tax is a time tested revenue producer for local government.

What it really needs is to scrape the barnacles from its administration, and in St. Joe's case be converted from a fragmented levy into a single purpose one.

Another money source is a licensing tax on all manner of business operations. This is attempting route in many towns because its political protest is in a minority. This nuisance type is unfair because it calls for a few to assume a duty of the many and experience has shown that in the long run the nuisance tax does not produce what might be expected of it.

Up to the present time no commission in St. Joseph has come to grips with this charter taxing question, nor really has there been, until the last few years have indicated a budget tension, the necessity to get to the mat with it.

Nor can those prior commissions be lambasted for not wanting to light matches close to what could be a keg of political dynamite.

At least we do not recall any cheers for our previous advocates of the idea.

Unless, however, the St. Joseph public is agreeable to a city income tax, this charter revision must be made.

This new commission has good minds, and as successful operators in their separate callings its members must realize there is more to successful management than a dynamic personality in the front office. Capable business procedures, sound financing, adequate plant and equipment are the cudgels without which even a whiz kid executive won't shine out very far.

Running a city is a business, or should be.

St. Joe's is headed for deficit financing unless its business procedures are brought up to date.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES  
All Carrier Service . . . . . 50¢ per week  
Motor Route Service . . . . . \$2.10 per Month  
In Advance  
Mail in Berlin, Cass, Allegan and  
Benton Counties . . . . . \$6.00 per year  
All other Mail . . . . . \$26.00 per year  
All mail subscriptions payable in advance.  
Mail orders not accepted where carrier service is available.

## Troublesome Little Squirt



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

### GALIEN CHURCH OFFICERS ELECTED

—1 Year Ago—  
The following have been elected as Galien Methodist church officers: Mrs. Arthur Howe, president; Mrs. Roy Foster, vice president; and Mrs. Geraldine Goodenough, secretary-treasurer.

Also elected were Mrs. Lawrence Smith, spiritual growth chairman; Mrs. Inez Lintner, social relations chairman, and Mrs. Max Morley, missionary education.

### TEACHER RECEIVES NSA AWARD

—10 Years Ago—  
Gerald L. Nye, a teacher at New Buffalo high school has been named one of 50 participants in an eight-week science institute to be held at the University of Toledo this summer.

The institute is being financed by a \$50,000 grant from the National Science Foundation and is one of many in a national program designed to strengthen the academic background of science teachers and to acquaint them with the most recent developments in their fields.

### YANK PLANES BATTER REICH

—25 Years Ago—  
Vast fleets of perhaps 2,000 American planes swarmed down upon the Oschersleben and Ben Bernburg aircraft factories, 70 to 80 miles southwest of Berlin, today in the massive Allied campaign to cripple the German air force before the approaching invasion.

Half the planes were Flying Fortresses and Liberators. Ber-

lin said violent air battles were precipitated, extending to the Baltic coast. The enemy said Hannover and Brunswick were among the targets and that some planes penetrated to Berlin.

### PLAN PLAY

—35 Years Ago—  
Next production of the Twin City Theater guild will be "The Art of Being Bored." Members also decided to take part in the Blossom week fun parade.

### OFFICER RESIGNS

—4 Years Ago—  
Dr. J. F. Crofton has resigned as city health officer and plans

to devote all his time to private practice.

### ON THE JURY

—35 Years Ago—  
St. Joseph men drawn to serve on the jury for the April term of circuit court include Ewalt Mielke, Robert Rahn, E. W. Kinnison, and George Pixley.

### READY FOR BUSINESS

—75 Years Ago—  
The U. S. Customs house for the ports of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor went into commission today. Custom Officer Platt has donned his uniform and is ready for business.

## HENRY CATHCART

## Inside Washington

WASHINGTON — President

Richard M. Nixon, his Secretary of State, and some of his other principal foreign policy spokesmen have been busily avoiding answering the direct question of whether secret talks are in progress — or are about to begin — between the opposing sides in the Vietnam peace negotiations. In the process some of these spokesmen have dropped some pretty broad hints that the answer — if they were free to give one — would be in the affirmative.

Their questioners have been news reporters, which are fairly easy to fend off, and also legislators on Capitol Hill, which is quite another matter.

Some of the congressional ques-

tions have pressed quite hard for answers, and in front of television cameras, at that. And a few of them have been known to become downright churlish and vindictive on previous occasions when answers to their questions were not forthcoming.

The continuing interplay of questions and reluctant non-

answers could become a dan-

gerous game — something that could backfire to the lasting

sorrow of all who have permit-

ted themselves to become in-

volved. For, in the background,

is a stated threat by the

Communist side of the negotia-

tions to break off any secret

talks if the fact of their exis-

tence, or any substantive results,

are disclosed by our side.

Thus, the askers of questions

are doing so knowing full well

that if they should succeed in

eliciting a reply it could jeo-

pardize any progress that might

be occurring behind the scenes

in Paris. And those who are

giving no answers, but hope-

fully are conveying in their lack

of responses that the answer

would be affirmative, are simi-

larly running grave risks that

involve American and Allied

soldiers' lives.

The main reasons the ques-

tions are being asked are to

convince the voters back home

that the congressmen asking

them are aware of what's going

on in Paris. And those who are

giving no answers, but hope-

fully are conveying in their lack

of responses that the answer

would be affirmative.

It is all a pretty grim game.

By now the bulk of Americans

believe something is cooking in

Paris. Let's hope that this wide-

spread impression does not give

the Communists an excuse

for breaking off any talks that

may be going on, if they don't

happen to develop along lines

even in his own party.

Following four years as a

member of the courts of inter-

national arbitration and justice

at the Hague, he was appointed

chief justice of the Supreme

Court by President Herbert

Hoover in 1930. He served with

distinction until 1941. He died in 1948.

Others born today include

Quentin Reynolds, Dean Acheson and Paul Douglas.

IT'S BEEN SAID

Flatterers are the worst kind

of enemies. — Caius Tacitus.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. Yes.

2. Girls.

3. True.

4. It's a diamond of the first

water.

5. Inhabitants of the Philip-

pine Islands who profess the

# THE HERALD-PRESS

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1969

Twin City  
News

## HOLD 2 SUSPECTS IN WAVE OF BURGLARIES



### Parking Lot Permit Is Denied

#### Napier Residents Protest 'Creeping Commercialism'

The Benton township planning commission last night recommended denial of a permit for a parking lot next to a barber shop at 151 East Napier avenue.

The planning commission acted at the behest of residents protesting creeping commercialism along Napier. The measure now goes to the board of trustees for final action.

Approximately two dozen persons attended a public hearing last night in opposition to the special use permit. Atty. Robert Small, who presented a petition with 37 signatures, said the special use permit was "veiled commercialism."

The permit is sought by George Bicanich, owner of George's barber shop. Bicanich purchased an old house at 189 East Napier next to the shop with intentions of using the lot for customer parking.

#### ONE IN FAVOR

Only one person, Lloyd C. Brown, president of Battlement Drug, 151 East Napier, favored parking for the barber shop. And that was to get cars out of his parking lot.

Bicanich has space for two or three cars in front of his barber shop, but the space is shared with an income tax service and a knitting shop. That space will eventually be lost when Napier is widened.

At present, the overflow goes into the Battlement drug store parking lot at 151 East Napier, and Brown, showed interest in additional parking, mainly to get some of it out of his parking lot, he said.

Bicanich's request would have provided 13 additional parking spaces, which would still be inadequate for the use of the



**BURGLARY SUSPECTS:** Two men arrested during investigation of a wave of house burglaries in Sodus-Benton township areas are Willie Self, Jr., 24, of 182 Lake street (left) and LeRoy Taylor, 24, of 686 Vineyard street, both of Benton Harbor. They were charged with breaking and entering. (Staff photo).

commercial corner at Napier and Colfax avenue, according to Oliver Rector, member of the planning commission. Rector said four doctor's

offices, drug store, laundry, income tax service, knit shop and barber shop stores would presently require 107 parking spaces to meet standards for adequate parking.

At present, the shopping complex has 58 parking spaces. Rector said: 31 for the doctors' offices, 26 for the drug store, and one, two or three in front of the barber shop. Brown noted 30 per cent of these were filled by employees.

**VEILED COMMERCIALISM:** Atty. Small, in presenting the petition in opposition to parking, said Bicanich should have considered the need for parking before he bought the business. The permit was veiled commercialism and should be considered as such, he added.

Several others, including William E. Taylor, 372 East Napier, also spoke out against the special permit being granted. Taylor has been trying to prevent Napier from going commercial for the past decade and asked when it will all end.

Another public hearing is set for April 24 on a proposed site at 756 East Napier. Jewel food store will build a store on the site provided it can be rezoned from D-2 light commercial, which restricts building to professional offices.

Ironically, Bicanich wouldn't have had to make a request had the planning commission ruled differently a few years ago, when the commercial-residential zoning line ran through the dining room of the house at 189 East Napier.

The planning commission adjusted the demarcation line toward Colfax avenue instead of toward the east line of the lot, which would have made the entire lot commercial.

**ZONING AMENDMENT:** In other business last night, the planning commission recommended approval of a zoning amendment which will make the granting of special use permits mandatory for new churches, gasoline stations and body repair shops.

At present, they can be built anywhere in the township. Several auto repair shop owners attended the public hearing on the zoning amendment with the misconception the amendment would affect their businesses. Mrs. F. A. Jones explained the amendment was for new business or church groups.

### Miss Kay Zolp Is Runnerup

**PAW PAW** — Miss Kay Zolp, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Zolp of 407 West Michigan avenue, Paw Paw, was named first runner up in the Miss Paw Paw blossom queen pageant Tuesday night. A news account of the pageant erroneously listed the first runner up and her parents as having the last name of Tolp.

(Staff photo.)

GEORGE BICANICH  
No Place To Park

### Reservists Will Hold Reunion

Members of the Naval Reserve 12th division who left Benton Harbor 28 years ago this month for World War II will meet for their annual reunion Saturday, April 19.

The date for the event, to be held at Red Coach Inn, Stevensville, was announced by the co-chairmen, Martin Peters and Al Hauweter, both of Benton Harbor.

Reservations are due by April 16, to be made with Peters. A social hour at 7 p.m. will be followed by a dinner at 7:30.

The event annually draws a strong representation of the 102 men who were called to active duty on April 17, 1941, and left here on April 22.

In line with a new military policy, the twin cities contingent was dispersed for duties at various points and not left together as a unit. Peters explained this was to avoid a catastrophe for some community in the event such a unit met a war disaster.

He said about two-thirds of the group was sent to the west coast for various duties — mostly on ships, and the remainder was dispatched to the Panama Canal Zone for duty with various shore installations.

### WMU Honors Stevensville Man

Ronald Loeffler of Stevensville is one of 17 seniors at Western Michigan university honored recently at a banquet by the WMU Marketing club. Dr. Robert B. Trader, head of the marketing department, awarded honorary certificates to the 17 senior marketing majors whose overall grade point averages exceeded 3.0 on a possible 4.0 scale.



### 'Y' Presents Awards At Monday Program

The Twin City YMCA will present awards for sports and service Monday night. Honors will go to champions of church and industrial basketball leagues, handball, paddleball and swimming.

The George Jackson and Bruce Vernon memorial sportsmanship trophies will be presented to man and youth exemplifying the qualities of the late Mr. Jackson and Bruce Vernon.

Benton Harbor Police Chief William McClain will be the speaker at the 7:30 program. Master of ceremonies will be Charles Field, manager of personnel and industrial relations for Benton Harbor Malleable Industries. Vern Jorgenson, recipient of the 1968 service to youth award, will make the presentation for 1969.

Another public hearing is set for April 24 on a proposed site at 756 East Napier. Jewel food store will build a store on the site provided it can be rezoned from D-2 light commercial, which restricts building to professional offices.

Ironically, Bicanich wouldn't have had to make a request had the planning commission ruled differently a few years ago, when the commercial-residential zoning line ran through the dining room of the house at 189 East Napier.

The planning commission adjusted the demarcation line toward Colfax avenue instead of toward the east line of the lot, which would have made the entire lot commercial.

In other business last night, the planning commission recommended approval of a zoning amendment which will make the granting of special use permits mandatory for new churches, gasoline stations and body repair shops.

At present, they can be built anywhere in the township. Several auto repair shop owners attended the public hearing on the zoning amendment with the misconception the amendment would affect their businesses. Mrs. F. A. Jones explained the amendment was for new business or church groups.

**MISS KAY ZOLP** — Miss Kay Zolp, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Zolp of 407 West Michigan avenue, Paw Paw, was named first runner up in the Miss Paw Paw blossom queen pageant Tuesday night.

A news account of the pageant erroneously listed the first runner up and her parents as having the last name of Tolp.

(Staff photo.)

**BIG BOOST FOR BANDSTAND:** Benton Harbor-St. Joseph Altrusians, pledged \$3,000 towards a new Lakefront park bandstand in St. Joseph. Their contribution pushed the bandshell fund to \$29,000. The club's gift represented the net profit from the appearance of The New Christy Minstrels, three years ago, had been set aside to await active development of some civic project. The money is given as a memorial to deceased Altrusians, especially the late Miss Mary Alice Gerhard who was instrumental in the success of the Christy Minstrels appearance. From left are: Mrs. Ray Mollhagen, who was named Altrusian of the year last night and Mrs. Robert White, Altrusia president. William Ehrenberg, St. Joseph Mayor. The Altrusia club is composed of only 27 business and professional women in executive positions.

(Staff photo.)

### More Loot Recovered In Homes

#### Further Arrests Are Expected, Authorities Say

Berrien county sheriff's detectives arrested two men last night during investigation of a wave of burglaries at homes in Benton and Sodus townships.

Three color television sets, four stereo phonographs and two typewriters also were recovered from homes in Benton Harbor and Benton township. More were expected to be recovered today.

The recovery of stolen property started Wednesday when sheriff's officers found goods valued at \$4,500. All of the articles were turned over voluntarily after police called at homes of persons who allegedly had purchased the goods.

Possession of stolen property is a crime if the holder of the property knows it is stolen.

#### TWO ARRESTED

Charged with breaking and entering were Willie Self, Jr., 24, of 182 Lake street, Benton Harbor, and LeRoy Taylor, 24, of 686 Vineyard street, Benton Harbor. Other arrests were expected to be made.

Self and Taylor gave their occupations as foundry employees.

Detectives said the wave of burglaries started last November. Det. Ronald Immoos said some of the operations involved placing telephone calls to residences. If no one answered, the house would be burglarized.

Meanwhile, another record player was stolen last night from the home of John D. Hubbard, 337 Michigan bluff, Benton Harbor. Police reported the loot also included four bottles of liquor and \$20 worth of meat.

Authorities advised anyone who has purchased a color television set or record player from an unauthorized dealer at a low price to give full cooperation to the sheriff department.

At present, the shopping complex has 58 parking spaces.

Rector said: 31 for the doctors' offices, and one, two or three in front of the barber shop. Brown noted 30 per cent of these were filled by employees.

#### VEILED COMMERCIALISM

Atty. Small, in presenting the petition in opposition to parking, said Bicanich should have considered the need for parking before he bought the business.

The permit was veiled commercialism and should be considered as such, he added.

Several others, including William E. Taylor, 372 East Napier, also spoke out against the special permit being granted. Taylor has been trying to prevent Napier from going commercial for the past decade and asked when it will all end.

Another public hearing is set for April 24 on a proposed site at 756 East Napier. Jewel food store will build a store on the site provided it can be rezoned from D-2 light commercial, which restricts building to professional offices.

Ironically, Bicanich wouldn't have had to make a request had the planning commission ruled differently a few years ago, when the commercial-residential zoning line ran through the dining room of the house at 189 East Napier.

The planning commission adjusted the demarcation line toward Colfax avenue instead of toward the east line of the lot, which would have made the entire lot commercial.

In other business last night, the planning commission recommended approval of a zoning amendment which will make the granting of special use permits mandatory for new churches, gasoline stations and body repair shops.

At present, they can be built anywhere in the township. Several auto repair shop owners attended the public hearing on the zoning amendment with the misconception the amendment would affect their businesses. Mrs. F. A. Jones explained the amendment was for new business or church groups.

**MISS KAY ZOLP** — Miss Kay Zolp, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Zolp of 407 West Michigan avenue, Paw Paw, was named first runner up in the Miss Paw Paw blossom queen pageant Tuesday night.

A news account of the pageant erroneously listed the first runner up and her parents as having the last name of Tolp.

**FILMS AVAILABLE**

### Plan Safety Program For Twin City Fliers

A safety program for Twin City fliers was urged by John Banyon, chairman of the Twin City Airport board, yesterday and Edward Weisbruch, Ross field manager said he would make initial preparations.

Banyon said the safety project was not the result of a recent fatal accident at the airport but rather a program needed as the airport awaits the installation of a control tower.

Weisbruch said he would contact presidents of the various pilot organizations in the area and make available the extensive catalog of films the Federal Aviation agency has for such programs.

City Manager Leland L. Hill of St. Joseph, a member of the airport board, suggested the Twin Cities Area Safety Council would be a coordinating agency.

Weisbruch said in a report on airport operations that work has already begun on removing trees from a 30 acre section of property the Cities of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor have purchased east of the main runway. Weisbruch said all trees over 10 feet tall will be cut down to create an unobstructed landing zone for aircraft.



ASSISTS RECOVERY OF TVs: Berrien county Sheriff's Deputy Jimmie L. Coburn, temporarily assigned to the sheriff's detective bureau, assisted in the recovery of color television sets and stereo record players and in the arrest of two burglary suspects. (Staff photo).

### Won't Ask More For Model Cities

#### Citizens' Steering Council Reverses Action

Officials of the Benton Harbor-Benton Township Model Cities program Thursday backed away from a proposed bid for additional planning funds through the federal anti-poverty agency.

The Citizen's Steering Council (CSC), meeting last night in the Downtowner restaurant, voted unanimously to drop the effort which it initiated Tuesday night.

#### 'ENOUGH MONEY'

At a noon session in Howard Johnson's restaurant, the program's community Progress Commission (CPC) turned thumbs down on the bid because of a fine squeeze on the program and because enough money is already available for the planning work.

The CPC is the regional planning commission created by the Benton Harbor city commission and the Benton township trustee board to oversee the Model Cities programming.

The citizen's council is responsible for formulating the plan for improving the 1,236 acre tract. Its members were elected by the people in the district or picked by the elected representatives after they took office.

The bid for additional funds

Richard Peters, chairman of the CPC, said the citizen's council decided against going after the additional funds because of the possible waste of time.

The Rev. Jake Webb, a council member, said he had helped write applications before and he doubted it much could be derived even if the April 30 filing deadline was met.

Council chairman Warren Mitchell, in proposing the funds he sought Tuesday, had said the funds would give the council a more active role in the program. He said the council did not have enough authority now.

Weisbruch said the safety project was not the result of a recent fatal accident at the airport but rather a program needed as the airport awaits the installation of a control tower.

Weisbruch said he would contact presidents of the various pilot organizations in the area and make available the extensive catalog of films the Federal Aviation agency has for such programs.

City Manager Leland L. Hill of St. Joseph, a member of the airport board, suggested the Twin Cities Area Safety Council would be a coordinating agency.

Weisbruch said in a report on airport operations that work has already begun on removing trees from a 30 acre section of property the Cities of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor have purchased east of the main runway. Weisbruch said all trees over 10 feet tall will be cut down to create an unobstructed landing zone for aircraft.

**New Buffalo  
Group To Hold  
Coffee Hour**

RIVERSIDE — Citizen Band operators and all persons interested in Citizens band radio are invited to a coffee break at the Bazaar township hall Sunday at 7 p.m.

Andrew T. Thompson, president of the Tri-County Citizens Radio club, and a representative of Blossomtime will speak to the group requesting voluntary contributions for the club's Grand Total program. Thompson and all CB radio operators include women are invited to attend the coffee break.

### Citizens Band Radio Operators Meeting Sunday



### Will Talk On Back Injuries

Industrial accidents involving back injuries will be discussed at the Industrial division meeting of the Twin Cities Area Safety council next Wednesday at Win Schuler's restaurant, Stevensville, at 7 p.m.

George J. Danke, manager of casualty loss prevention, Marsh & McLennan Insurance Co., Detroit, will present the problem based on his 29 years experience in safety work. He is a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit and treasurer of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

Lester Bodtke, chairman of the Industrial division, said back injuries are by far the most expensive kind of injuries for both employees and employers. Danke will discuss laws governing amounts that a person can lift, what constitutes a back injury and what industries can do to prevent them.

Council chairman Warren Mitchell, in proposing the funds he sought Tuesday, had said the funds would give the council a more active role in the program. He said the council did not have enough authority now.

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1969

## EDUCATORS PRAISE SCHOOL FINANCING PLAN



**FIRST DONATION:** Coloma fire department kicked off local ambulance drive with \$200 donation to Coloma Emergency Ambulance, Inc. Fred Zoschke, second from left, presents check to Larry Williamson, secretary-treasurer of ambulance service. Looking on are Coloma Fire Chief Leonard Dolezan (left) and Marvin Taylor, ambulance service president. Taylor said ambulance must be obtained by next July to meet governmental regulations. (Marion Leedy photo).

### Study Ways To Finance Library Firemen Give \$200 For Ambulance

DOWAGIAC — The Dowagiac city council, in a special meeting last night, authorized the newly-formed building authority to investigate methods of financing and constructing a new public library here.

Dr. James E. Burke, Dowagiac mayor-elect, said the meeting was called only to enable the council to provide initial direction to the authority, whose members attended the session. Burke said no decisions were reached on methods of financing the library project.

The authority was created Tuesday night by the city council at its regular meeting. The three-member authority held its organizational meeting Wednesday night. This included the election of Dr. Francis Hiscock, authority chairman; Keith Carmichael, treasurer; and Mrs. Mary Lou Comstock, secretary.

The authority was created to take a leading role in various capital improvement projects that may arise in Dowagiac.

### Community Fund Drive Is Launched At Coloma

COLOMA — The Coloma fire department this week donated \$200 toward a new ambulance, required here by next July.

The donation kicked off a community drive, aimed at securing the ambulance for Coloma Emergency Ambulance, Inc., headed by Marvin Taylor.

Taylor said the new vehicle is required to meet governmental regulations of active emergency units. Taylor said the ambulance must be secured by next July.

While seeking help for his group here, Taylor also urged Lake Michigan Beach area residents to support their ambulance service, even if they pene-

trate letters from the Coloma maintenance, utility bills and unit. Taylor said letters for insurance on the vehicle and donations are being sent to all drivers. Taylor said the men area residents with a Coloma are volunteers and serve with mailing address and some may out pay.

Edward J. Ossmann, Brandy-

Wine schools superintendent, commented that the plan with- out question straightened out the inequities of the present school aid formula. It has merit, he said.

State Rep. DeForrest Strang, (R-Sturgis), one of three area legislators who are targets of a petition drive calling for school financing reform, declined, however, to endorse the pro-

gram.

Stacey's reaction was typical of the 100-125 persons who attended a review of the proposal at the Niles high school auditorium, State Rep. Roy

Spencer, (R-Attica) the plan's sponsor outlined the details during the session.

Stacey believes the proposal in some form might be adopted by the legislature next year. "It

gives the local district the initiative on reducing property taxes and it keeps control in the local district," Stacey added.

Under the plan, the state would levy a 1.5 per cent tax on individuals' incomes in addition to the current 2.6 per cent tax.

The measure also calls for a new three per cent levy on industries.

With the funds, the state would guarantee districts a minimum of \$550 per student.

Another \$190 would be guaranteed depending on the millage levied over a minimum of 12.

In addition, the plan would allow districts to levy a 1 to 2 per cent tax on personal income if they decreased property taxes to 15 mills or below. The tax, subject to referendum procedures, would be collected by the state and the district re-

imbursed at a rate of \$125 per pupil.

Edward J. Ossmann, Brandy-

Wine schools superintendent, commented that the plan with-

out question straightened out the inequities of the present

school aid formula. It has

merit, he said.

State Rep. DeForrest Strang,

(R-Sturgis), one of three area

legislators who are targets of a

petition drive calling for school

financing reform, declined,

however, to endorse the pro-

gram.

Stacey's reaction was typical

of the 100-125 persons who

attended a review of the pro-

gram at the Niles high school

auditorium, State Rep. Roy

Spencer, (R-Attica) the plan's

sponsor outlined the details

during the session.

Stacey believes the proposal

in some form might be adopted

by the legislature next year. "It

gives the local district the

initiative on reducing property

taxes and it keeps control in the

local district," Stacey added.

Under the plan, the state

would levy a 1.5 per cent tax

on individuals' incomes in addition

to the current 2.6 per cent tax.

The measure also calls for a

new three per cent levy on

industries.

With the funds, the state

would guarantee districts a

minimum of \$550 per student.

Another \$190 would be guaranteed

depending on the millage

levied over a minimum of 12.

In addition, the plan would

allow districts to levy a 1 to 2

per cent tax on personal income

if they decreased property taxes

to 15 mills or below. The tax,

subject to referendum pro-

cedures, would be collected by

the state and the district re-

imbursed at a rate of \$125 per

pupil.

Edward J. Ossmann, Brandy-

Wine schools superintendent, commented that the plan with-

out question straightened out the inequities of the present

school aid formula. It has

merit, he said.

State Rep. DeForrest Strang,

(R-Sturgis), one of three area

legislators who are targets of a

petition drive calling for school

financing reform, declined,

however, to endorse the pro-

gram.

Stacey believes the proposal

in some form might be adopted

by the legislature next year. "It

gives the local district the

initiative on reducing property

taxes and it keeps control in the

local district," Stacey added.

Under the plan, the state

would levy a 1.5 per cent tax

on individuals' incomes in addition

to the current 2.6 per cent tax.

The measure also calls for a

new three per cent levy on

industries.

With the funds, the state

would guarantee districts a

minimum of \$550 per student.

Another \$190 would be guaranteed

depending on the millage

levied over a minimum of 12.

In addition, the plan would

allow districts to levy a 1 to 2

per cent tax on personal income

if they decreased property taxes

to 15 mills or below. The tax,

subject to referendum pro-

cedures, would be collected by

the state and the district re-

imbursed at a rate of \$125 per

pupil.

Edward J. Ossmann, Brandy-

Wine schools superintendent, commented that the plan with-

out question straightened out the inequities of the present

school aid formula. It has

merit, he said.

State Rep. DeForrest Strang,

(R-Sturgis), one of three area

legislators who are targets of a

petition drive calling for school

financing reform, declined,

however, to endorse the pro-

gram.

Stacey believes the proposal

in some form might be adopted

by the legislature next year. "It

gives the local district the

initiative on reducing property

taxes and it keeps control in the

local district," Stacey added.

Under the plan, the state

would levy a 1.5 per cent tax

on individuals' incomes in addition

to the current 2.6 per cent tax.

The measure also calls for a

new three per cent levy on

industries.

With the funds, the state

would guarantee districts a

minimum of \$550 per student.

Another \$190 would be guaranteed

depending on the millage

levied over a minimum of 12.

In addition, the plan would

allow districts to levy a 1 to 2

per cent tax on personal income

if they decreased property taxes

to 15 mills or below. The tax,

subject to referendum pro-

cedures, would be collected by

the state and the district re-

imbursed at a rate of \$125 per

pupil.

Edward J. Ossmann, Brandy-

Wine schools superintendent, commented that the plan with-

out question straightened out the inequities of the present

school aid formula. It has

merit, he said.

State Rep. DeForrest Strang,

(R-Sturgis), one of three area

legislators who are targets of a

petition drive calling for school

# RAID-PRESS

Section

Two

MICH., FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1969

## SCHOOL FINANCING PLAN

The Tax  
Will Be  
Based

or Of Bill  
es Details  
s Meeting

BRUNDRETT  
Writer

proposed state-  
financing plan  
as a 1 1/2 per cent  
state's personal  
last night was  
hool officials and

excited about this  
jewel Stacey, Ben-  
ton school principal  
superintendent  
shore district in  
doubt that it will  
is year, it is the  
ought through far  
ive students an  
it is a good basic

**SPEAKS**  
action was typical  
25 persons who  
view of the pro-  
Niles high school  
State Rep. Roy  
Attica) the plan's  
ned the details  
sion.

ever the proposal  
might be adopted  
ure next year. "It  
local district the  
reducing property  
eeps control in the  
Stacey added.

plan, the state  
5 per cent tax on  
comes in addition

2.6 per cent tax  
also calls for a  
cent levy on

funds, the state  
ite districts a  
\$350 per student  
would be guar-  
ing on the millage  
minimum of 12.

the plan would  
s to levy a 1 to 2  
on personal income  
ed property taxes  
or below. The tax,  
referendum pro-  
be collected by  
the district re-  
a rate of \$125 per

Ossmann, Brandy-



**OUTLINES FINANCING PLAN:** State Rep. Roy L. Spencer, (R-Attica), left, last night outlined his proposal for reforming state school financing. It would require a 1 1/2 per cent income tax on individuals and a three per cent tax on industries to sustain. Talking with Spencer after the program are Lionel Stacey, Benton Harbor high school principal, and State Rep. DeForrest Strang, (R-Sturgis). (Staff photo).

winne schools superintendent, commented that the plan without question straightened out the inequities of the present school aid formula. It has merit, he said.

State Rep. DeForrest Strang, (R-Sturgis), one of three area legislators who are targets of a petition drive calling for school financing reform, declined, however, to endorse the proposal.

Strang said the plan was one of two being considered by the House Education committee and he said he would support the best possible one. Strang's dis-

trict (42) encompasses Niles

and Niles township in Berrien county as well as parts of St. Joseph and Cass counties.

Persons sponsoring the petition drive said they planned on taking the petitions to Strang, State Rep. Don R. Pears and State Sen. Charles O. Zollar on April 23.

Spencer said about 200 of the state's 500 school districts had reacted favorably to the proposal. He said it would eliminate the inequity in the present school formula whereby the rich districts get more than

the poorer units.

According to Spencer, the income tax statewide would be specifically earmarked for the

state. Otherwise, he said it

would fall under the percentage breakdown which is applied to the proceeds of the present income tax.

The 10-year veteran of the legislature said the other plan before the legislature would take the control from local districts.

Spencer urged persons to

favor his plan to write to their

representatives and senators

seeking its adoption.

## Lawrence Schools To Ask Millage Increase

★ ★ ★

## Election Planned June 9

★ ★ ★

LAWRENCE — Lawrence

school district residents on June 9 will vote on the renewal of eight mills, plus an additional operating millage, yet to be determined.

The Lawrence board of education scheduled the millage issue for the annual school election in June during its regular meeting here last night.

The board also reported that two posts on the board are to be filled June 9. Board President Carlyle Wassman, and Secretary Horace Hutchins, whose terms expire, announced they will not seek re-election. Wassman has served on the board since 1958, while Hutchins has served since 1961.

Nominating petitions may be submitted at the superintendent's office and must be returned by May 12.

### HIGHER BUDGET

The board also voted to submit a proposed 1969-70 operating budget of \$477,937 to the Van Buren county tax allocation board for consideration. This is some \$47,000 higher than the current budget of \$429,991.

Superintendent Wesley Harding said the number of additional mills to be sought at the June election cannot be determined until more is known about teacher salaries next year and also how much state aid can be expected. He said the eight mills which have expired will be sought for another three years.

Harding also said that the first contract negotiation session has been scheduled for 3 p.m. next Thursday, between the administration representatives and representatives of the Lawrence Education Association.

Harding also reported that an additional elementary teacher and elementary room will be needed in the near future.

An attempt at the polls last February to merge the Lawrence and Hartford school districts failed in both districts. Lawrence voters rejected the plan by a 497 to 207 margin, while Hartford district voters rejected it by a 672 to 315 margin.

### FROM POSTPONED

In other business, the board rescheduled the postponement of the junior senior prom from May 11 to May 31, because of the blossom parade in the Twin Cities. The board also reported that a 1961 bus had been purchased from the Allegan school system and will be used as a spare vehicle. Approved were bills totaling \$5,166.58.

There was a request by Dan Daonis, band director, for the

hiring of a vocal music teacher. Other matters tabled included the retention of a remedial teacher, pending the outcome on school finances, and a request for team teaching in the sixth grade. The latter request was

made by Mrs. Louise Nicholas, elementary principal, and Mrs. Betty Swift, an elementary teacher. The plan would use three teachers in the sixth grade classroom, with each teaching his major subject.

Board members discussed the special millage election on May 6 and said they felt the public should be more informed about the need for the increased millage. Supt. Auble said if the 9.6 mills for extra operating millage is approved, the district's total millage for operating would be 12.8. He said this figure would still be lower than the 16.5 mills for operating expenses at Buchanan and the 19.5 mills at Niles.

District voters on May 6 will be asked to approve a rate of 9.6 mills for operation. This would include an increase of 4.2 mills and the renewal of a 5.4 levy which expires this year.

The district has a 3.2 levy which mill levy for debt retirement.

Auble said this rate may be decreased if the school district valuation is increased.

If the millage levy is approved, the total millage tax rate in the district would be 27.5 mills, including nine mills allocated from the county.

### CONTRACTS AWARDED

The board awarded contracts to three firms, McFadden Corp., Lansing, Classrooms Inc., Lansing, and Dew-El company of Holland, for classroom furniture and classroom cabinets for the 14 new classrooms. The new furniture will cost \$15,488 and the cabinets cost is \$2,480. The equipment is to be delivered by Sept. 1, 1969, when the new classrooms will be open for use.

Board members discussed the need for expanded shop and home economics classes in the junior high school. There are 54 students enrolled in the shop classes and 54 in the home economics classes. The courses offered are 12-week courses and do not give students enough time to complete large projects.

The board said more teachers and equipment are needed to give the students a solid background for possible work later at the vocational - technical centers.

## New Buffalo Mail Service Issue Explained

NEW BUFFALO — Rural carrier mail service will not be available for residents of Evergreen Park subdivision until later this year, according to Mrs. Marie Pitts, New Buffalo township treasurer. Carrier service will not be available until the road serving the subdivision is opened through to another road, eliminating a dead end on the present road, she said. An earlier story said mail service would be started April 21 for residents of Oak Hill subdivision in Grand Beach and for Evergreen Park residents when mail boxes are placed correctly in front of homes.

But evergreen Park mail service will not start until the connecting road is completed.

## Suit Asks For Mayor's Ouster

### Claims Mayer Violated New Buffalo Charter

A New Buffalo city councilman and two unsuccessful bidders for council seats in the March 10 election filed suit Thursday in Berrien circuit court claiming Mayor Albert C. Mayer is holding office unlawfully.

The plaintiffs, Councilman Joseph F. Debiak and losing candidates Edgar J. Baney and Burl Hatfield, claim Mayer owes some \$500 in city water bills and therefore holds office in violation of a city charter provision that "No person shall be eligible for any elective or appointive city office who is in default to the city."

Plaintiffs ask that Mayer be ousted from office and that Baney be declared the rightful councilman, or, in the alternative, that Mayer be ousted

and his seat declared vacant.

Last month Baney petitioned the Berrien county board of election canvassers for a recount, charging irregularities and fraud, while Councilman Debiak attempted to unseat Mayer as mayor only last Tuesday by a resolution presented to the city council.

Plaintiffs claim a 1958 New Buffalo water regulation requires a 20 per cent higher than standard charge for water sold outside the municipality, that Mayer knows this but that he "has never been billed for said 20 per cent extra charge."

Further, the said Albert C. Mayer has never paid said 20 per cent extra charge."

At the city commission meeting Tuesday, Mayer said he had never been billed and further that the extra charge had never been enforced in the past.

Counsel for plaintiffs is St.

Joseph Atty. Tat Parish.

In an application for leave to file the suit, Parish said plaintiffs earlier this month unsuccessfully sought to have the state attorney general file suit against Mayer. The attorney general declined "for reasons of policy" on April 10.

### VFW ANNIVERSARY

LANSING (AP) — The Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars

will mark their 50th anniversary

at the annual state convention June 26-29 at Lansing.

COLOMA — Antique dolls will be the subject of the North Berrien Historical Society meeting on Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Coloma Methodist church.

Mrs. Marlin Marquart of Martin Road, Coloma, will be the guest speaker. She will bring dolls from her personal collection for display and members and guests are invited to bring their antique dolls and toys for display.

There will be a business meeting and memberships and copies of the Historical Society's charter will be sold.

Tablet was a request by Dan Daonis, band director, for the